

A breste apologye or

answere to a certen craftye cloyнар, or
popythe parasite, called Thomas
smythe.

6. 95 a 8

Beholde the disceytfull penne of the scribe, hath set
forthe lyes. Hieremie. 8.



Er, though ye be a smythe
And beate vppon the stythe
ye cum nat to the pythe
Nor haue not yet wher wythe

Esaie. 9.

your spyryt is verye drye
The scriptur to applye
ye rather them denye

Ezec. 13.

Than ther trewthe fortyfye

Vvbat measur ye obserue
In poesye proterue
Axe of ladye mynerue
And she wyll saye ye swerue

Eccl. 19.

Full flatterynglye ye foyne
ye clatter and ye cloyne
ye mangye matters ioyne
And all to catche the coyne

prou. 10.

ye cobbler and ye clowght
To vpholde the romys he romght
But ye maye haue the gomght
Ere ye brynge that abomght

Hic. 50.

ye maynteyne sodomytes
with other hypocrytes
And playe the parasites
To see trewe israelytes

Abac. 2.

Agaynst thatt ye itumble
Math. 7 And at a blocke ye fumble
Ye fare lyke hym that tumble
For nought ye do but bumble,

Soche one ye are ywys
Esai. 56, As popyshe prestes maye blys
For wher all treason ys
Ye fynde nothyng amys.

Your hate ye can not hyde
Luc. 21. Nor yet your popyshe pryde
God wyll for hys prouyde
Whan ye shall stande asyde

Whyls you suppress the ryght
Ioh. 12. Here wanderynge in the nyght
Ye thynke God hath no syght
Which is the very lyght

The worde wyll once out spewe
Apoc. 3 Soche hypocrytes vntreme
As byddeth hys worde ademe
Pylde poperye to renews.

For cursed is that hart
Hie. 48. And worthy to haue smart
Whych wyll with them take part
That scripture doth peruart



Thomas Smythe.
To trolle awaye or trolle in, let not trolle spare
If trolle trowlye trolle trolle nedeth not to care

An answer.
Trolle in hath trolled trowlye, wher trolle awaye trolled anye
Osee. 5. Yf ye wyll trolle with trollars, trolle trowlyar after thys
Full lyke a troblous trollar, yetrolle a tryfelynge trace
Trolle nomore with the scripturs, except ye haue better grace

Thomas Smythe.
A little treatyse agaynst sedicious persones.

Of late I perused / two purposes seuerall
In thee kyndes craftyve handled / the treuthe for to tell
Trolle awaye / and trolle in, menne do them call
Creatynge vpon matter / concernynge the late Cromwell
The one utterlye myndynge / the other, to repell
Trolle awaye (the treuthe is) moche touched the quicke
And trolle in (somwhat galled) beganne for to kycke
An answere to the bolsterar of sedicion.

In your perusinge, ye seme very parciall
Trolle awaye iugynge, of treuth to haue the trycke
Concernynge Cromwell, trolle in nothyng at all
But for hystrollynge, to be an heretycke
Trollynge betwixt them, ye are a iuge to quicke
The worlde to allowe, the better to condempne
Soche vntremetrollars, all veryte contempne.

Gene. 8.

Rom. 7.

Whan Crist was alyue, soche tryfelinge trollars trolled
Callynge hym traytour, and heretycke also
Whome for ther trollynge, the pharysees extolled
As yet to thys daye, ther trewe successours do
Dyd not soche trollars, agaynst the apostles go
Whather rewarde is, we nede not for to tell
Trollynge trouthe troblynge, trolleth euermore to hell.

Iohā .5.

Act. 4.

Thomas Smythe.

Net trolle awaye tolde trouthe / vt can not be denyed
Declarynge the offences / wherin Cromwell offended
Trolle in beyng trobled / whan he vt espyed
With trollynge to couer it, subtillye contended
Some trollars ther be / I wolde were amended
For who that craftelye colouryth / any others offence
Of lykelyhode in hys owne hart / hath the same pretence.

An answere.

Trolle awaye ded lye, in manye thynges he tolde
Though the lorde Cromwell, hath dyed for hys offence
So sone as trolle in, soche trollynge ded beholde
He shewed hym of it, with moche more grace and science

Pro. 12.

Gala. 6.

A. 2.

Gala. 6. Betwene them petrolle, without indifferene
your verdyt is nought, your iugement is wurse
Soche vntrewetrollars, are vnderneath goddes curse

Ro. 10. No wreche so wycked, but some wll take hys part
None so vnlearned, but some shall hym vpholde
As menne se profyght, so trolle they in ther hart
Some that hath knowlege, are neyther hote nor colde

Apoc. 3 And verye alle heades, auctorite maketh bolde
He that with the fote, so cruell partes wll playe
The head wll not spare, he once out of the waye.

Thomas Smythe.

Trewhe to trolle, it is no maner of shame
And trolonge vntrewe, is nat to be mayntayned
As euerpe thynge is / so to geue it proppre name
Amonges all trewe honest men / shuld nat be dysdayned
The scripture so teacheth vs / it can not be fayned
Agaynst scripture who stryuethe / he is non other lyke
Than a traytour to hys p:nce / and to God an heretyke
An answer.

Esa. v. If trewhe to trolle, stande with moche honeste
Eph. 4. And trolonge vntrewe, requyret rebuke and shame
I gretlye maruele, whys you a trolle be

Eccl. 3. That in your trolonge, ye wll trewetrollars blame
And for your purpose, trolle scripturs out offrame
Soche trecherous trollars, I thynke to be no lesse
Than those lewde persons, whome ye do here expresse

Esa. 5 • your scripture yetrolle, from Esaye the fyrst
Ther spoken for them, that doth goddes worde blaspheme
But ye can make it, to serue an other dryfte

Mat. 16. Than God that tyme shewed, or Esaye coude esteeme
Soche trolonge of trouthe, cause yet some men to deme
The bysshop of Rome, the chefe head of the church
Scripturs so trolled, lyke mysterpes canne murche.

Thomas Smythe.

I intende not to trolle, to take anpe part
Diuisiō to increace, it nedeth nothynge
But so; owfullpe syghynge / I trolle in my hart
With my self in mynde / manpe tymes reuoluyng
How God to vs hath ordayned / the most noble kynge

~~Who unproude to him be hath traubled full soze~~
pet manye trolpunge trollers/care lttle therfoze.

An answer.

A blacke more will change, the colour of hys skynne
As sone as hys craft, an hypocryte shall hyde
ye trolle with no part, dyuysion to begynne
And pet the people, from Crist ye wold dvyde
Some trollers lament, the fallynge of ther pryde
Christen kynges haupnge, soche trollers at ther hande
Are in worse takynge, than they do vnderstande

Hier. 13.

Ioan. 11.

Vvho maketh diuision? who is the peace breakar?
Nat Iudas but Christ, pet Iudas doth betraye
Paule worketh sedicion, and is no treason speakar
ye do the myschefe, and pet ye make no praye
The same foxe that lurketh, the same foxe take the praye
Ohtrollpunge gnato, ye thynke ye be not leaue
pet by your trolpunges, perceyue men what ye meane.

Ioan. 7.

Act. 14.

Pro. 11.

Thomas Smythe.

But as trollers troblous / and full of enuie
At the lawes of God, and of our good kyng
In ther trolpunges do trust, that ther olde heresye
All good orders set a part / shall flopythe and spynge
Ther prechers no lesse comfort / in ther sermons do bynge
Euen latelpe exhortinge them, auoydinge all drede
And, persecucion not regardynge / throughe to procede.

An answer.

Here is a pretence, to turne stones into breade
And a suggestion, to cast our selues downe backward
Vpon the mountayne, for golde ye trolle vs leade
Lames with good order, ye wolde vs to regarde
And pettrem prechers, ye mynde nat to be harde
False fables ye forge, to darken with ther name
Trollpunge in soche trashe, as will be to your shame

Math. 4

Nu. 14.

The scribe on hys skyrtes, doth goddes commaundementes set
The deuyll resembleth, the messenger of lght
Who destroyeth lames: who doth good order let
But those pharysees, that chrysten peple spght
Sendynge soche prophetes, as the daye changeto the nyght

Hie. 23.

A. 3.

All them that abhorre, the olde pylde popetrye
For the worde of God, they accuse of heresy.

Thomas Smythe.

With manye wordes more troblous, than now I wyl reherce
Not doubtinge at all, but at length they shall be knowne
Soche trollynge trecherous, my hart doth soze perce
Consyderunge how sedycious lye/ amonge vs they be sowne
Of late I well trusted, they hath bene ouerblowne
But now I wyl perceyue/ that neyther fauer nor smart
From the bode can expell, that is roted in the hart

An answer.

- Ioan. 7. More wolde ye trolle out, yf ye coude more reherce
Ye shall do no more, than God shall you permyt
Whych trolleth forth tyrauntes, boitherryble and ferce
Iob. 23. Hys flocke to correct, whan they trolle out of myt
Amonge soche trollers, ye are a troller fyt
And I can yet thanke, ye do full well your kynde
Trollynge now soche hate, as laye longe in your mynde.

- Ioan. 4. All ys sedicyon, that please not popyshe hartes
All insurreccyon, whan menne from you declyne
Of your sort manye, hath trolled trayterous partes
And yet agaynst them, no trollynges ye dyffyne
Act. 23. One relygyous zele, doth you and them combyne
All heretyckes frelye, ye maye touche in your spyght
But none soche as dyed, for holye churches ryght.

Thomas Smythe.

- Esai. 23. A trewe trollynge hart/ wold be lothe to pretende
Anye purpose to mayntayne / agaynst God or hys kyng
The confessyon of an heretyck/ that latelpe ded offende
And amonges others/ suffred for hys deseruynge
Sesecretelye they embrace/ as most precious thynge
And yet playnelye wyl I proue/ by good lawe and reason
Contayned therein/ bothe heresye and treason.

An answer.

- A trewe trollynge hart, dwelleth not wythin your bosome
For all the colours, that you shewe outwardelye
In the confessyon, whych came an heretycke frome
1. Tim. 4. Ys moche lesse treason, and moche lesse heresy
Than in the trollynges, of your hypocresye
Whyls you shall contende, wyth reason and with lawe

Our trolled scripturs, proue you a dottyngedatbe.

The heretycke that dyed, as all the peple harde
In the fayth of Christ, mekelye departed hence
Praynge for our kynge, and our worthy prince Edwarde
Longe dayes to endure, in her prehemynence
In hys confession, I fynde none other offence.
But as Christ doth saye, soch slayghtes are in the sectes
As wolde in maner, deceyue the verye electes.

Thomas Smythe.

An answere myse imprynted/ they will nat yt shall be
The daungers therof/ in themselves mystrustynge
Wherfor euerye manne/ maye well perceyue and se
What hartes they do beare/ to God and our good kynge
Euerye of them secretlye/ must haue yt in wytyng
But Christ sayth verelye/ ther is nothyng concealed
But at length shall be knownen / and openlye reueled.

An answer.

It is imprynted, wherfore by lawe and reason
Proue I can ryght well, that ye a lyar be
Verye hote ye are, in iugynge menne of treason
The hydden secretes, of all mennes hartes yese
As ye iuge ye are, by holy saint Paules decre
Soche tauntynge trollers, are tetrici thraones
And in ther trollynge, full noughtye nebulones

A scripture retrolle, as dyd the deuyll in desert
To serue your purpose, trollynge the pythe asyde
Hydde secretes sayth Crist, shall now be clere and apert
Meanyng soche scripturs, as the pharysees ded hyde
With ther tradicions, hypocresye and pryde
Thus Christ declareth it, in the .xij. chapter of Luke
Fals trollynge of textes, myll turne ye to rebuke.

Thomas Smythe.

Who agaynst them trolleth / a papyst the hym name
They haue none other thynge, them selues so; to defende
I wolde that all papystes / had an open shame
And that all heretyckes / themselves wolde amende
Than shuld we haue no cause / further to contende
But uniozme to loue / to one with the other
And iozfull to in habite / as brother wpth brother.

A. 4.

Sapi. 5.

1. Tim. 2

**Nihil
opertur
q non
reuele-
tur.
Mat. 10**

Eccl. 7.

Rom. 2.

Math. 4

Luc. 12.

**Ecce q
bonum
& q io
cundum.
Pla. 132**

An answer.

Iude. i. We call them papistes, that maintayne papistrye
Both haupnge ther frutes; and scripture for vs to laye
If all soche papistes, schuld haue shame openlye
I thynke ye coude not, befarre out of the waye
Pf. 17. As Iudas with Christ, with heresykes here ye playe
No brother is he, that goddes worde doth nat furder
Except he be Cain, whych doth pore Abel murder.

2. cor. 6 Styll ye trolle scripturs, but nothyng in ther kynde
Couetinge full sore, to haue a fleshelepye concorde
Beliall and Christ, wer neuer of one mynde
Pf. 132. Dauid commended, a vnite in the Lorde
Which with your peltrye wyllketh vs not to accorde
For lyght with darkenes, schall neuer well agre
Nor poppe she falsehede, with Christis veryte.

Thomas Smythe.

De 9 cha Soche schuld be our trollynge/ Christ vs so trachet by
ritas est Commandinge euer peace/ amonge vs for to be
qui ma: Outtrowle he trolleth/ that otherwyse preacheth
net in Sturryinge to anye sedicyon, malice or enmyte
charita: Where bannyshe vs dyscorde/ and ragneth all charyte
te. That realme in God resteth/ and God vs in yt
1. ioa. 4. Beinge charyte him self/ as sayth the holpe wyte

An answer.

Esa. 57. Christ neuer trolled, soche peace as ye wolde haue
Nepther in Mathew, in Luke, nor yet in Iohan
Thowgh in your trollynge, ye falselye them depraue
Of olde cankered scribes, the armour ye do on
Ioã. 18. Nat Barrabas but Christ, accusynge of sedicyon
To the worlde sayth Christ, I sende no peace but the sworde
By the which ysmen, the rygour of goddes worde.

Mat. 7. ye trolle forth your textes, commixtyng perles with drasse
For Christ sayd in dede, they shuld be troden of swyne
Non est pax impijs, your charyte ys but chaffe
Though ye crye pax pax, as Esaye doth dyffyne
Ioan. 16. ye spelle of charyte, and dreme by an other lyne
Christ sayd, that with you, we shuld haue trybulacyon
And in him alone, our peace and consolacyon.

Thomas mythe.

Than towardes that charyte/trolle we on apace
Auauncynge our selues/with all conuenient speede
A moze acceptable pilgrymage/surelye neuer was
For whych God gaue to man, anye meryte or mede
Our labour or great burden/let vs nothyng drede
Nor regarde the wylfulnes/of our bodye or fleshe
For at the iournayes ende/Christ wyll vs refrethe

An answere,

If yetrolle to Christ, as ye mynde nothyng lesse
With the pharise, ye maye not your self auaunce
For mede or meryte, as ye do here expresse
For non can deserue, the heuyns in herytaunce
But here men maye se, your trollynge ignoraunce
The frutes of our fleshe, ye wyll vs not to regarde
So trollynge vs Christ, full lyke a manton stewartde.

Than trolle ye scripture, that Christ wyll you refrethe
At your iournayes ende, for your gret labour, and peyne
Christ ther taketh the lame, for the burden of our fleshe
Easynge our consyence, of mennys tradicyons pleyne
But in your trollynge, ye haue an other veyne
In your cottacyon, for the aleuynt of Mathewe
ye trolle the fyntent, to be knowne a trolar trewe.

Thomas mythe.

And than as trewe trolars/togyther let vs remayne
Perfughtlye fast knyt/in one peace/vnyte and loue
Wyth gloze vnto God/ever moze gladd and fayne
Our noble pynce trowye/to serue as doth vs behoue
And all others to tendre/as dewtye doth vs moue
Wyllynge styll amonge vs the self same loue and conorde
Whych ys to vs commaunded/by Christ the eternall Lorde

An answere,

Thys trollynge wer good, yf ye coude folowe yt
And nomore couete, to haue them ouerblowne
That fauer godde stremthe, as they suppo se most fyt
Of Christen peple, in thys lyfe to be knowne
Reportynge by soche, sedycyon to be sowne
ye neyther trolle peace, nor a christen amyte
But declare your self, an ympe of inyquyte.

Venite
ad me
omnes
qui la-
boratis
&
Math. 11

Luc. 18

Rom. 11

Math. 11

Deu. 13.

omnis
anima
potesta-
tibus su-
blimio-
rib9 sub.
Ro. 3.

1. Pe. 2.

Hier. 9.

Ioh. 15. We must loue in Christ, yf we loue chritenlye
For loue out of Christ, is but a paganes loue
In goddes word therefore, let vs loue to hys glorie
Rom. 13 And obeye our kynge, as chriten menne behoue
With mekenes of hart, and no sedicion moue
And than shall we trolle, in peaceable vnyte
As God vs wylleth, by hys heuenlye veryte.

Thomas Smythe.

And now in that loue/let vs all with one voyce praye
For the p:eseruacion/ of hentyr our moſte noble kynge
And Katerine our quene/ that they together make
Prosperousſe contynew/ to ther hartes deſyrynge
And Edward our prync, that moſte angelyke thyng
That they all together/ maye longe lyue and reſt
And after with hym raigne, qui in celis eſt. **Amen.**

An anſwere.

Math. 6 Nat onely with voyce, as dyd the hypocrytes
But whan ye ſhall praye, praye from the very hart
Expreſſynge the fapth, of chriſten Iſraelytes
And trolle with your prync, no ſpyckle flatterynge part

Pro. 27 Least after thys lyfe, ye trolle to eternall ſmart
Better is a ſtrype, of hym which is a frunde
Than a kyſſe of hym, that beareth a wycked mynde.

Iohā. 4. In fapth and in ſprryt, let vs of God requyre
Our Kynge, Quene, and Prync, to lyue here prosperouſſe
Not as you do trolle, vnto ther hartes deſpre

1. Tim. 2 But vnto goddes mynde, and of hys name the glorie
Thyſtrolleth ſaynt Paule, with Abacuch and Hieremye
Lorde graunt them longe lyfe, to thy ſwete wyl and pleaſure
Thy flocke reſolynge here, which iſthy moſt deare treaſure

AMEN.

**God ſaue the kynge.
And hys oſpyrynge,
Amen.**



Thomas Smythe.

To trolle away or trolle in/let not trolle spare
If trolle trowle trolle/trolle nedeth not to care

An answer.

Betwixt hys trolle and trolle, yf trolle no better trolle
Trolle maye trolle with trollers, that trolle the gossypes bolle
Yf trolle wyll trolle with trollers, lettrolle trolle veryte
Or elstrolle with yll trollers, wyll trolle dys honeste
Wheretrolle hath trolled vntrewly, let trolle trolle back agayn
Fortrollinge with yll trollers, trolleth many one to payne

Ioha .9.

Thomas Smythe.

Composed by Thomas Smythe/seruaunt to the kynges
Royall mageste/ And clarke of the Quenes graces,
ounsell (though most vnworthye.)

An answer.

The Pharyse in dede
Hys phylacterye sprede.
Hys kyrtes he doth dylate
Tofourny she hys estate
The scrybe set forth hys hemme
With perle and with gemme

Mat. 23.

With many tytles proude
The pore trouth to out croude
He paynteth hym selfe with penne
Or to be seane of menne
Here mayster Smythe must be
To the kynges hygh mageste

LUC. 11.

A seruaunt scant so symple
As reynarde vnder a wymple
A clerke, a lerned manne
Which worldlye cauteles canne
Yea, clerke of the Quenes counsell
And persecuteth the Gospell

Hier. 8.

Yet is he moste vnworthye
And that he speketh trewlye
Thys worke he hath composed

1. Ioh. 4.

B. 2.

Herin he hath not glosed
By colours of hypocresye
By falsehede nor by vayne glorie

Nomore than reynarde foxe
Or fryre with hys boxe
Mat. 7. It is good by saint Ione
That prestes haue soche a mone
As canne so clerkelye wryte
and poetelye indyte

Whych wyll not from them wauer
and is in so great fauer
Hest. 3. Beynge the kynges seruaunt
So wyttie and so pregnaunt
He that shall with hym scole
Wyll fynde hym no small fole.

None heretycke now shall rowte
Nor dare put forth hys snowte
Actu. 4. But wyll plucke in hys hornes
as doth new ale in cornes
The gossellars now wyll shrynke
and not be able to wynke

The knaues shall nomore checke
Gen. 39 Nor agaynst vs popystes becke
With hym they dare not dallye
For feare of Putiphars vallye
or els for Daniels deane
Dani. 6. But now synge in a meane.



Nowe maye we tythes home trolle
and care but for the bolle
Ioan. 7. We maye let the gossell goo
For he is our mortall foo
We are fortunate thys tyde
To haue smythe on our lyde.

Our kyngdome wolde els fall

